

A.L.R.C. WOMEN'S ALLIANCE NINETEENTH CONVENTION, Worcester, Mass.

Elected to the Supreme Board were: Rev. S. Kneizis, Spiritual Director (Mass.); Elizabeth Paurazas, Pres. (Mich.); Miss Jessie Carp, Vice-Pres. (Ill.); Mrs. A. (Colney) Aukstikalnis, II Vice-Pres. (Conn.); Mrs. M. Vaiciunas, Secretary (Ill.); Trustees — Mrs. T. Mazeika, (Mass.) and Mrs. A. Poska, (Ill.).

Dr. A. Rakauskas, Chicago, Ill., was appointed Medical Examiner and Mrs. S. Sakalas was reappointed editor of "Moterų Dirva".

State Directors: Conn. — Miss. M. Jokubaitis; Ill. — Mrs. M. Paukstis; Mass., Me., and N.H. — Anastasia Sykes; Mich. — Mrs. A. Kratage; N.Y. and N.J. — Mrs. M. Servitis; Ohio — Mrs. A. Stepulionis; Pa. — Mrs. F. Schevets.

Grievance Committee: Mrs. L. Vencius, Lawrence, Mass.; Mrs. T. Mitchell, Nashua, N.H.; Mrs. S. Sakalas, Chicago, Ill.

Literary Committee: Mrs. A. Poska, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. U. Daukantas, Worcester, Mass.; Anastasia Sykes, Norwood, Mass.

Delegates to the A.L.R.C. Federation were: Mrs. A. Stasaitis, Cicero, Ill.; Mrs. S. Subatas, Richmond Hill, N.Y.

Legal Advisor: Mr. John Brenza, Attorney-at-law, Chicago, Ill.

1940 — The More Important Activities

The membership drive terminated with reassuring results. Particularly heartening was the organization of a new group, Chapter 73, in Lowell, Mass., the reorganization of Chapter 15 in Brockton, Mass., and the formation of a junior group by Chapter 20 in Chicago, Ill. The membership drive netted a total of 179 new members.

June 15, 1940 became a never-to-be forgotten day in Lithuanian history. On that day, the militant forces of Soviet Russia serged into Lithuania

and occupied the land. Saddened by this tremendous onslaught and fearful for the safety of families and friends, with heavy hearts the members continued their activities, determined to aid, in every way possible, the country of their birth and of their forefathers.

A gond farewell was bid Dr. Anthony Rakauskas, Supreme Medical Examiner for the organization since 1937. In July, Dr. Rakauskas entered the Marian Fathers novitiate to prepare for the priesthood.

A heart attack augmented by pneumonia claimed the life of Rev. Jerome Vaičiūnas on November 12, 1940. Father Vaičiūnas, pastor of St. Anthony's parish in Cicero, Ill., had served as Supreme Spiritual Director for the organization. He was instrumental in organizing the Alliance and was one of its staunchest friends and supporters.

TWENTIETH CONVENTION

The organization's 20th biennial convention was held August 4-7, 1941, in St. Alphonsus parish, Baltimore, Md. The convention was hosted by Chapter 8. Elected to the presidium were: Mrs. Sophia Sakalas, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Vaiciunas, Vice-Chairman; Miss Jessie Carp, 1st Sec'y, and Mrs. Helen (Vaiciunas) Statkus, 2nd Sec'y, all from Illinois.

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